

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 11-14 are pending in the application, with claim 11 being the only independent claim. Claims 7-9 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-6 and 10 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 11-14 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims have been cancelled, rendering their rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,337,853 to Magni ("Magni"). This claim has been cancelled, rendering its rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 4-5 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a). These claims have been cancelled, rendering their rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims 11-14

New claims 11-14 are sought to be added. These amendments are fully supported by the specification and are not believed to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. (See, for example, Figures 13-15 and 18 and accompanying description in the Specification). New claims 11-14 are drawn to an oil supply system. The claimed oil supply system is not disclosed or suggested by the previously applied Magni, Komura, Ishimaru, or Schlosser references. Accordingly, independent claim 11, and claims 12-14 which depend therefrom, are believed to be allowable over the cited references.

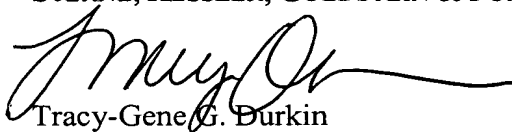
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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